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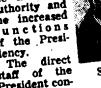
These Days

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Growth of the Presidency. CPYTHOSTIH Congress passed an executive secretary who re-

a bill-Public Law 954-"To provide for a President's advisory commission on presidential office

space," the need for such a measure arising from the increased authority and the increased functions of the Presidency.



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staff of the President con-

sists of 45 persons, headed sons, headed by Sherman Adams, whose title is "the assistant to the President."

Sherman Adams is aided by "the deputy assistant to the President," Maj. Gen. Wilton B. Persons, USA (ret.). These are aided by two assistants to the deputy assistant to the President. Then, in rank, comes the secretary to the President, Bernard M. Shanley. Then comes the press secretary to the President, James

C. Hagerty, and his assistant. Whether this clearly defines seniority or merely represents the form of listing, is difficult the form of fisting, is dimenti-to say. Herold Stassen, for in-stance, is fairly down the line with the formal title of "special assistant to the Presi-

THERE IS AN altogether new efficer in the White House, namely, a secretary to the Cabinet. Prior to this Administration, the Cabinet was a council of the Passident's principal aids, agreeing or disagreeing with the President and with each where in

This is now usinged. An agenda is drawn up for the meeting and other than Cabinet members are called in for special resistant council has the Cabinet, we that also has

to the President for national security affairs. There is another agency,

the Operations Coordinating Board, which is a sort of junior Cabinet, consisting of the Under Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of De-fense, the director of Central Intelligence, director of United States Information Agency, and a representative of the President. The purpose of this agency is to provide for "the integrated implementation of national security poli-

cies by the several agencies."

The growth of the President's functions has not taken place in one term. It has been continuous over a period of years and has placed upon the President enormous managerial burdens in addition to his responsibilities under the Constitution. Because of his Army experience, President Eisenhower has been able to organnower nes poon ite on a kind of general staff

THIS HAS raised certain practical political problems, particularly with Congress, particularly with the more important and in fluential members of Congress declining to deal with the President through an intermediary, a method of communication to which they are not accustomed. This has been solved by the holding of stated conferences with the congressional leaders.

Because of the effectiveness of this type of organization, the President's illness did not Interfere with the business of the country, the White House staff continuing to function as though he were well.

It is because of this experience that the office of President has emerged more than it has usually been more than it has usually been in American history. In these circumstances, vice President Richard Nizets presided over the Cabinest and over the National Security Council but he tional Security Council but he tional Security Council but he tional Security Council but he functions in the White House. Those week landled by Sherman Adams of the staff as usual. Anneal tan get sick and anythists out happen during a sickness. From the standle point of confitty of managerial operations agertal operations.

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